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SUMMARY: EMBASSY REPS MET 8 OCT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION (LARROQUE) FOR AD REF DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS TOWARDS FINAL AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION SUPPLEMENTARY TO FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. GOS TEAM IS PREPARED TO BE IN WASHINGTON OCT 20-25. END SUMMARY.

1. LARROQUE INFORMED POL/MIL COUNSELOR AND SCIATT HE PREPARED TO HEAD SMALL TEAM VISIT TO WASHINGTON WORK WEEK 20-25 OCTOBER FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPT AND USG POTENTIAL LEAD AGENCIES. AS FIRST PRIORITY HE WISHES DISCUSSIONS ON SPECIAL PORGRAM FOR JOINT VENTURE SOLAR ENERGY CENTER. HE WILL PROVIDE BY OCT 10 NAMES OF TWO PERSONS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM FROM MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR ENERGY.

2. SECOND PRIORITY COMPRISES TWO ASPECTS OF "ANNUAL PROGRAMS" RELATED TO DRAFT CHAPTER PREPARED BY JOINT WORKING GROUP DURING ROUND 9 (AUG 20). FIRST IS REQUEST FOR USG STATEMENT ON THE  
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EXPECTED LEVEL OF FUNDING. SECOND IS THE JOINT COMPLETION

OF AN AGREEMENT ON S&T PROGRAM PROCEDURES AND MANAGEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE S&T "SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT." ON THIS LATTER POINT, IT APPEARS THAT GOS WANTS THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD IMPLEMENT IT TO BE SEPARATE FROM THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ITS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION. EACH WOULD HAVE A COMMITTEE OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL ENTITY UNDER THE PROPOSED JOINT COUNCIL.

3. THREE OTHER POINTS WERE RAISED BY LARROQUE, IN THE FORM OF QUESTIONS TO BE RELAYED TO DEPT. FIRST: CAN THE 20 AUGUST DRAFT BE REVIEWED AND POLISHED DURING THE WASHINGTON VISIT TO PRODUCE A FINAL TEXT OF THE S/T SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT (IF THIS IS NOT TAKEN CARE OF DURING MCCLOSKEY VISIT)? HE CLAIMS TO HAVE AUTHORITY FROM CORTINA TO DO THIS. SECOND: IS THE DEPT INTERESTED IN ARRANGING DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO FIRMER UNDERSTANDINGS NOW ON TWO OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS, GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY AND (TO LESSER EXTENT) ON OCEANOGRAPHY? THIRD: IS THERE ANY INTEREST (OR VALUE) IN REVIEWING THE CONSEJO SUPERIOR PACKAGE OF PROJECT PROPOSALS DURING THE VISIT? ON THIS, EMBASSY REPS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE BECAUSE AT LEAST SEVEN OTHER SPANISH TECHNICAL MINISTRIES AND THE PARENT MINISTRY OF THE SCIENCE COUNCIL HAD NOT BEEN HEARD FROM. (HE AGREED.)

4. THROUGHOUT THIS DISCUSSION, LARROQUE MADE MUCH OF THE NEED TO CREATE AN IMAGE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PERSUADE INFORMED PUBLIC OPINION IN SPAIN OF THE BENEFITS TO FLOW TO SPAIN'S ECONOMY AND GENERAL WELFARE. HE BELIEVES THAT, TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, MAJOR ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE SPECIAL PROGRAMS BECAUSE THEY ARE RECOGNIZABLY BENEFICIAL AND EASILY PUBLICIZED, IN CONTRAST TO THE ANNUAL PROGRAM, MADE UP OF A LARGE ARRAY OF SMALL PROJECTS WITH LESS POPULAR APPEAL AND LIMITED FUNDING.

5. COMMENT: LARROQUE SEEMS TO HAVE GREEN LIGHT FROM HIS MINISTER TO WORK UP A SATISFACTORY S&T PACKAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN TO POTENTIAL SPECTACULARS. HE IS SOMEWHAT LESS INTERESTED IN THE ANNUAL PROGRAM, WHATEVER THE LEVEL OF FUNDING, EXCEPT AS THE PROJECTS THEREUNDER

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APPEASE DOLLAR HUNGER OF THE TECHNICAL AGENCIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN SPECIAL PROGRAMS. AT SAME TIME, HE IS FULLY AWARE THAT THE SPECIAL PROGRAMS WILL REQUIRE A CAREFUL, AND SLOW, BUILDUP, EVEN IF BOTH SIDES ARE AGREED AT THE OUTSET ON WHAT COULD BE DONE. HE CLEARLY IS SEIZED WITH THE SOLAR ENERGY SCHEME, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF ITS POTENTIALLY HIGH VISIBILITY (A POINT ON WHICH WE AGREE). THIS FOCUS MAY ALSO RESULT PARTLY FROM HIS AWARENESS OF THE MYRIAD OBSTACLES TO AN AGREEMENT-

SUPPORTED SPECIAL PROGRAM IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. END COMMENT.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S EARLY RESPONSE ON DATES AND  
AGENDA FOR VISIT. WHILE LARROQUE  
HOPES TO COVER AS MUCH GROUND AS POSSIBLE WHILE IN WASHINGTON,  
HE COULD BE PERSUADED TO LIMIT THIS VISIT TO DISCUSSIONS ON  
SOLAR ENERGY (HIS MAIN OBJECTIVE).  
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